

trials in track and captured the Big Sky Conference championship. The WSU Wind Ensemble was invited to the Los Angeles International Band and Orchestra Festival, and WSU theater students were selected to perform at the renowned Kennedy Center right here in Washington, D.C.

In addition to its esteemed academic and cultural reputation, Weber State University is known for its commitment to civic engagement and community service. The campus' Community Involvement Center seeks to engage students by providing opportunities of academic learning and community service. The center coordinates with community agencies and runs the AmeriCorps Education Award Program.

I congratulate Weber State University on 120 years of service and leadership and look forward to what the coming years have for this accomplished institution.

I thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) for bringing forth this resolution to this floor and ask my colleagues to join Mr. BISHOP and me in supporting this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I also thank the gentleman from Puerto Rico for the kind words he said about one of the premier institutions in the top of Utah, which is Weber State University.

Today I rise in support of House Resolution 854, recognizing Weber State University on the 120th anniversary of the founding of that institution. It started, obviously, as a religious stake academy, the Weber Academy, in 1889. Then it has had several changes, going into, first of all, a 2-year college as Weber College, then a 4-year institution, Weber State College, and then eventually as Weber State University.

The first president or principal of that Weber Academy was Louis Moench, who was a German immigrant, a great educator as well as administrator and truly a Renaissance man, because he is also the author of one of my favorite religious hymns.

The second principal was David O. McKay, who went on to become the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and one of the most revered religious figures in the Nation in his time.

The present president, President Milner, is the first female president of a 4-year college or university in the State of Utah, and she does a magnificent job in leading the 23,000 students that comprise the campus in Ogden, as well as 3,500 students in the satellite campus in Davis County, as well as outreach programs that take place in Box Elder, Morgan, Davis and other counties throughout the State of Utah.

This is an institution which has set its goal on education excellence—does this well—as well as competitive excel-

lence. It is a member of the Big Sky Conference, where last year it won the titles in the conference in both football, basketball and, I believe, women's soccer. At the same time, it is still ranked number 14 in its division in football this particular year.

It also has one of the State's largest nursing programs, the State's only dental hygiene program, the State's only police academy. Its proximity to Hill Air Force Base makes it a premier educational institution, not only for those continuing its education, for those who are working at Hill Air Force Base, but also for the servicemen who attend there and participate in part of their program.

Indeed, the theatrical production that the gentleman from Puerto Rico mentioned that was held here at the Kennedy Center was a student production of *Macbeth*, which I had the opportunity of watching—one of those light-hearted musical comedies coming at the end of a long day—but it was a spectacular production of which those students at Weber State University should be proud.

Like every institution that takes place, it is a community asset. It provides educational excellence for the people in that area, provides economic incentives for the people of that particular area, it is a source of community enlightenment and activities through its academic and art programs. With all of us, there is always some kind of interface that goes along with it.

One time, the president of Weber State University—at that time it was Weber State College—was Joseph Bishop, who I wish I could claim was a relative because he was intelligent, but I can't. During its great growth spurt, right after World War II, Weber State was led by Dr. Miller, an excellent president who I feel very close to because I was able to mow his mother's lawn because she was a neighbor of mine in Kaysville.

At the same time, my father-in-law played football at Weber State. My wife graduated from Weber State. Perhaps one of our greatest acknowledged alumna from Weber State is a Member of the House of Representatives today. Representative LYNN JENKINS from Kansas is a graduate of Weber State, which I didn't know until today. Now I know who to hit up for in the future.

I have a daughter that wants to attend the dental program at Weber State, a daughter-in-law that wants to go to the nursing program at Weber State. We have very close ties to this particular institution. It's an institution that has received many honors. It is the recipient of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the third consecutive year, was listed in *Forbes* magazine, ranked 43rd among public colleges, selected to host the Council on Undergraduate Research in 2010 and the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research in 2012, numerous faculty teaching excellence awards.

In the Big Sky Conference in 2009 it won the Presidents' Cup, which recognizes not only accomplishments on the field of athletic endeavor but also in the field of classroom work. This was the fourth time in 7 years it received that particular honor.

I am very proud of Weber State University, in the top of Utah. I am proud what it does for students that I used to teach, what it does for the community, the standards that it sets as a standard of excellence in education, as well as what it does to add to community life for all of us who actually live in northern Utah.

I am appreciative of having this resolution here. I am appreciative of the recognition that the gentleman from Puerto Rico has given to this particular institution.

Mr. Speaker, if I could inquire if the gentleman from Puerto Rico has any other speakers.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I don't, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. I don't have any other speakers.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I ask that my colleagues support the resolution celebrating the 120th anniversary of Weber State University.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 854.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Wanda Evans, one of his secretaries.

CONGRATULATING THE IOWA HAWKEYES WRESTLING TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 368) congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 368

Whereas the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team Head Coach Tom Brands was

named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and led the team to its 22nd national title and his 2nd national title, and also led the team to its 33rd Big Ten Conference title and his 2nd conference title;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team was represented proudly by 9 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship qualifiers, including Chad Beatty, Jay Borschel, Daniel Dennis, Dan Erikson, Charlie Falck, Phillip Keddy, Brent Metcalf, Ryan Morningstar, and Alex Tsirtsis;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team was also represented proudly by NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship finalist Brent Metcalf, who also won his second straight Big Ten title and earned Outstanding Wrestler honors at the Big Ten Championships;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team was also represented proudly by Dan Erikson, who won his first Big Ten title at the Big Ten Championships;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team was honored by having 5 All-Americans with Daniel Dennis, Dan Erikson, Phillip Keddy, Brent Metcalf, and Ryan Morningstar being named;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team had a final team score of 96.5 to place them 1st in the NCAA Division I standings;

Whereas the hard work and dedication of the Hawkeyes wrestling team's Brodie Ambrose, Mark Ballweg, Matt Ballweg, Chad Beatty, Jay Borschel, Jeret Chiri, Derek Coorough, Colby Covington, Daniel Dennis, Dan Erikson, Michael Fahrer, Charlie Falck, Grant Gambrall, Stew Gillmor, Tyler Halverson, Aaron Janssen, Jordan Johnson, Phillip Keddy, Jake Kerr, Nick Kolegraff, Brooks Kopsa, J.J. Krutsinger, Ryan Kurovski, Dan LeClere, Nick LeClere, T.H. Leet, Rick Loera, Luke Lofthouse, Montell Marion, Weston Marling, Matt McDonough, Brent Metcalf, Joe Moore, Nate Moore, Ryan Morningstar, Blake Rasing, Ethan Sebert, Joe Slaton, Alex Tsirtsis, Head Coach Tom Brands, Assistant Coach Terry Brands, Assistant Coach Doug Schwab, Strength and Conditioning Coach Jared Frayer, Volunteer Assistant Coach Mike Zadick, and Administrative Assistant Luke Eustice all contributed to an outstanding season culminating in the 2009 national title;

Whereas the current Hawkeyes wrestling team has continued the team's winning history, which includes 33 Big Ten Conference Championships and 22 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championships;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team set the national collegiate dual meet attendance record of 15,955 when it hosted Iowa State December 6, 2008, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena and led the Nation with an average home dual meet attendance figure of 8,008 for the 2008-09 season;

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team has a rich tradition and history of producing champions and outstanding collegiate athletes and coaches since the program began in 1911;

Whereas former Hawkeyes wrestling Head Coach and Olympic Gold Medalist, Dan Gable, helped establish one of the most successful wrestling programs in the Nation and is commended for his past leadership and guidance; and

Whereas the Hawkeyes wrestling team has brought honor to the team, the University of Iowa, the City of Iowa City, and the State of Iowa: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team for winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship; and

(2) congratulates the team on winning its 22nd national title since 1975 and finishing the season with a perfect 24-0 overall record and a perfect 8-0 conference record, ending the season on a 38-match winning streak.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 368 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship tournament.

On March 21, the college wrestling fans were treated to an exceptional wrestling match as the University of Iowa won its 22nd national team title with a final team score of 96.5 points, edging runner-up Ohio State University by only 4.5 points.

That was the closest margin of victory since Iowa won the 1999 team title by 2 points and only the second time in school history that the Hawkeyes won the NCAA title without an individual champion.

The Iowa Hawkeyes put together a remarkable season. The wrestling team was represented proudly at the NCAA national championship match with nine championship qualifiers. Brent Metcalf, a junior, won his second straight Big Ten title and earned Outstanding Wrestler honors. Dan Erikson, a junior, won his first Big Ten title of the Big Ten championships. In total, the 2009 team produced 15 All-Americans and 19 All-Academic Big Ten athletes.

The Hawkeyes wrestling team is a premier program. The extraordinary achievement of this season is a tribute to the skill and dedication of the many wrestlers, coaches, students, alumni, families and fans that have helped to make the University of Iowa a wrestling powerhouse.

I want to extend my congratulations to Coach Tom Brands, who returned to his alma mater and led the team to a perfect 24-0 overall record, an 8-0 record in Big Ten dual matches, and a national championship in just his third season as a head coach. Impressive feats such as these are why Coach Brands was named the 2009 Coach of the Year by the Big Ten conference.

Congratulations are also in order for assistant coaches Terry Brands, Doug Schwab and Mike Zadick; strength and conditioning coach, Jared Frayer; and administrative assistant, Luke

Eustice. They all played a vital part in the success of this talented team.

Last season's victory adds to a robust history. The University of Iowa Hawkeyes wrestling program began in 1911 and has produced a rich history of champions with 33 Big Ten conference championships and 22 NCAA Division I national championships.

Winning the national championship, finishing the season with a 24-0 overall record and winning the Big Ten Conference championship for the 33rd time has brought national acclaim to the University of Iowa. I know the fans of the university will revel in this accomplishment as they look forward to the 2010 season.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Congressman LOEBSACK for bringing this resolution forward. Once again, I congratulate the University of Iowa for their success.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Once again, the gentleman from Puerto Rico, I appreciate you bringing this resolution to the floor and rise today to support House Resolution 368 to congratulate the University of Iowa Hawkeyes on winning the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship. This is, indeed, an honor for all those who are working in that system, for all those who are associated with the University of Iowa, as well as the residents of the State of Iowa.

The University of Iowa was founded in 1847 as Iowa's first public institution of higher learning and, since that time, has gained international recognition for its academic, artistic and scientific accomplishments as a public university. It established the first law school and was the first U.S. public university to admit men and women on an equal basis. The University of Iowa's academic and athletic accomplishments have earned the University of Iowa Hawkeyes an international reputation for excellence.

This last school year, in 2009, the university's reputation was furthered by the accomplishments of this wrestling team. The University of Iowa wrestling team began in 1911 and has recently been named one of the top sports dynasties of the 20th century by Sports Illustrated.

Since its founding, the Hawkeye wrestling team has won 22 national championships, as was mentioned by the gentleman from Puerto Rico. The Hawkeyes competed in the first Big Ten meet clear back in 1926, won their first NCAA title in 1975. They won a streak of nine consecutive NCAA team championships from 1978 to 1986. In the 23 wrestling seasons since that time, the Hawkeyes have claimed 11 national championships. The University of Iowa Hawkeye wrestling team undoubtedly has a long and rich history of excellence.

At the head of the outstanding team sits Head Coach Tom Brands, who was

named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and the National Wrestling Coaches Association's Coach of the Year in 2008. Coach Brands is a former gold medalist and made four straight U.S. World or Olympic teams.

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He started as head coach with the University of Iowa's wrestling team in 2006 and has been leading the team to excellence since then. The 2009 wrestling season marked the Hawkeye wrestling team's most recent series of achievements. After a successful season, the Hawkeye team was proud to have nine of their athletes qualify for the Division I championships, and with a final score of 96.5, the Hawkeyes were in first place as the national champions.

I am honored to stand in this House today to congratulate and recognize the significant achievements of the players, coaches, and students whose dedication and hard work have led to the success of the University of Iowa Hawkeye wrestling program, as well as the 2009 Division I National Wrestling Championship.

As usual, there is always some kind of personal tie that comes to these types of resolutions. Again, I have people I have known from Utah who have specifically gone to this school, to this program, not just for the quality of the wrestling program it has, but for the quality of the education the institution provides. The State of Iowa should indeed be very proud of this particular institution.

I ask my colleagues to support this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers for this particular resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support the resolution congratulating the University of Iowa Hawkeye's wrestling team for their victory in the 2009 NCAA Division I National Wrestling Championship tournament.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 368, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the

resolution (H. Res. 562) congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 562

Whereas, on May 25, 2009, the Syracuse University Orange defeated the Cornell Big Red 10-9 in overtime, in the finals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament in Foxboro, Massachusetts;

Whereas the Orange now hold 11 men's lacrosse national titles, the most in NCAA History;

Whereas Orange head coach John Desko won his fifth NCAA title;

Whereas the Orange players, coaches, and staff are excellent representatives of Syracuse University;

Whereas the Orange showed tremendous spirit in the championship game, coming back from what appeared to be an insurmountable three-goal deficit with less than four minutes to go, only to win the game in overtime; and

Whereas the residents of Syracuse and fans are to be congratulated for their support, dedication, and pride in the team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Puerto Rico (Mr. PIERLUISI) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Puerto Rico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PIERLUISI. Mr. Speaker, I request 5 legislative days during which Members may revise and extend and insert extraneous material on House Resolution 562 into the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Puerto Rico?

There was no objection.

Mr. PIERLUISI. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Syracuse University men's lacrosse team for their victory in the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

On May 25, 2009, the Syracuse Orange men's lacrosse team celebrated their NCAA Division I championship title after a close 10-9 victory over the Cornell Big Red. This victory marks the 11th national championship for the Orange in lacrosse, the most in NCAA history. This is the second consecutive year that the Syracuse men's lacrosse team has successfully won this title. In addition, this win capped a season for the Orange that saw the team tie the NCAA record for the best 1-year win-loss improvement.

The game that secured the Orange's victory was especially exciting. Down

three goals with four minutes to play and the ball in Cornell's possession, Syracuse staged an unlikely comeback. Scoring the definitive goal in sudden death overtime made for an exhilarating and especially exciting win for the team, showcasing their focus under pressure and excellent teamwork.

I congratulate John Desko on his fourth national title as coach of the Orange. In his 11 years as head coach at Syracuse, he has led the Orange to seven NCAA final appearances and nine Final Fours. Coach Desko serves as a wonderful mentor to his players both on and off the field.

I want to recognize the Syracuse Orange for their incredible season, characterized by tenacity, talent, and leadership. I am certain that this team will carry this momentum into next season.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I congratulate Syracuse University men's lacrosse team on their 2009 Division I NCAA championship title.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 562, congratulating Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament.

It is estimated that lacrosse may have developed as early as the 12th century. It originated among Native American tribes in North America. In 1637, the game was first named lacrosse. The game underwent many modernizations during the 19th century, and the first intercollegiate lacrosse game was played in 1877. By the early 1900s, students across North America were participating in the sport in high schools, colleges, and universities.

Syracuse University was founded in 1870. Today, the university serves over 19,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students. Syracuse University offers degrees in over 20 majors from 10 different schools and colleges. Syracuse Orange has 12 women's intercollegiate athletic teams and 8 men's intercollegiate athletic teams.

SU has 27 team national championships, including 11 men's lacrosse NCAA national championships. Syracuse University's men's lacrosse team added an 11th NCAA championship to their record this year. That is the most NCAA national lacrosse championships ever won by a single team.

Syracuse's team was coached by John Desko. In the final championship game, SU won against Cornell University in overtime in a thrilling game that ended 10-9. Junior Cody Jamieson scored the winning point 1 minute 20 seconds into the extra session.

It is truly an honor to stand before the House today to congratulate Syracuse University for winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Lacrosse Tournament. I extend my congratulations to Syracuse University, the players, the coaches, and the students. I wish all involved